DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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As requested, this is a redraft of Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 to 2005 Assembly Bill 586 and incorporates the changes you requested. Consequently, this bill lowers the hunting age to 10 or such lower age as DNR determines by rule. Please review the draft very closely to ensure that the draft accomplishes your intent.

Please also note that this draft, as with last session's draft, lowers the age for obtaining a conservation patron's license consistent with the other age changes in the draft. Because a conservation patron's license is a combined license, please confirm that you intend the lower age to apply to this license.

As you know, the draft specifies that a person who hunts under the mentorship program created in the draft is not required to obtain a certificate of accomplishment authorizing hunting. Last session's draft specified that a person who is 12 years of age or older could hunt without that certificate in two license years after attaining the age of 12. I have redrafted that provision to make it more clear. Please review that provision (s. 29.592 (3)) to confirm that it meets your intent.

You will also note that this draft does not contain an initial applicability provision relating to wild turkey hunting approvals as with last session's bill because I do not know whether that provision is still necessary. If you would like to include the provision, please let me know.

Finally, I have changed the date on which DNR must submit its report to July 1, 2010. Is this date acceptable?

I have prepared this draft in preliminary form to give you an opportunity to make any needed changes before the draft is finalized. If the draft does not require any additional changes, please let me know and I will prepare the draft in final form. If you have any questions with regard to the draft, please feel free to contact me.

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